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NSW Statistical Coordination and User Forum (SCUF)

NSW STATISTICAL COORDINATION AND USER FORUM (SCUF)

SCUF is the NSW State Government statistical coordinating committee. It meets four times per year to discuss strategic statistical information needs and priorities across the NSW Government sector, and to coordinate statistical activities through the exchange of information and the identification of common interests. Members are the representatives of state government information clusters: central government, planning, natural resources, human services, crime and justice, business, health, transport, emergency services and labour. Discussed at the last meeting on 3 June 2004 were the coordination of performance frameworks and indicators across agencies and the forthcoming implementation of ABS@NSW Government. For more information contact Merran Butler on (02) 9268 4855, email: m.butler@abs.gov.au.

National Statistical Service Website

NATIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICE WEB SITE

The National Statistical Service (NSS) web site - www.nss.gov.au - was released recently. The NSS is an ABS-led initiative which supports a whole-of-government approach to the management of statistical information. Its aim is to increase the range of good quality statistical information available for decision making, and forge statistical partnerships to share knowledge and expertise. The NSS web site provides producers of statistics with information on collection, processing and dissemination of data, and links to statistical training. It provides assistance in identifying statistical information suitable to users' needs. For more information contact Mark Lound on (02) 6252 5907, email: mark.lound@abs.gov.au.

Australian Social Trends

AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL TRENDS

The eleventh edition of **Australian Social Trends, 2004** (cat. no. 4102.0) was released recently. It contains 29 articles presenting statistical analysis and commentary on a wide range of current social issues including population, family and community, health, education and training, work, economic resources and housing. Each chapter is supported by a set of social indicator tables providing an overview of social change during the past decade and a snapshot of differences across Australian states and territories. Full copies of all articles that have appeared in **Australian Social Trends** are available on the ABS web site. For more information contact Marelle Rawson on (02) 6252 7187, email: marelle.rawson@abs.gov.au.

Regional Statistics

REGIONAL STATISTICS

Regional Statistics, New South Wales, 2004 (cat. no. 1362.1) was released recently. Data are available at Statistical Division and Local Government Area level for area, population, births, deaths, building activity, tourist accommodation and local government finances. Labour force, social and socio-economic indicators are available at Statistical Regions. For more information contact Kellie Browning on (02) 9268 4492, email: kellie.browning@abs.gov.au.

Environment

ENVIRONMENT

Water Account, Australia, 2000-01 (cat. no. 4610.0) was released recently. It is one of a series of physical environmental accounts that are being developed and is focused on the physical characteristics of Australia's water resources. Data are compiled on a national and state level where possible. Detailed statistics on the volume of surface and ground water assets, the supply and use of water by various industries and sectors, water re-use and discharge data are presented. Monetary data linked to the use of water resources are supplied. A compilation of water supply and use sustainability indicators is also presented. For more information contact Michael Vardon on (02) 6252 7348, email: michael.vardon@abs.gov.au.

Indigenous Statistics

INDIGENOUS STATISTICS

The first issue of **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey** (cat. no. 4714.0) was released recently. It presents summary results from the 2002 Indigenous Social Survey. Topics include culture and language, family and community, health, housing, education, employment, income, financial stress, transport and mobility, and crime and justice. The publication provides a range of information at the national level, and selected state/territory level information. Comparisons are made with the non-Indigenous population where possible. Where available, time series information is also provided. For more information contact Andrew Webster on (02) 6252 5583, email: andrew.webster@abs.gov.au.

The first issue of **Experimental Estimates and Projections of Indigenous Australians, 1991 to 2016** (cat. no. 3238.0) is due for release in July 2004. It provides experimental estimates and projections of the Indigenous population based on the 2001 Census, for states and territories by five-year age groups and sex, and for ATSI regions. There are separate estimates of the Torres Strait Islander population at June 2001. Estimates of the June 2001 Indigenous and non-Indigenous resident population at the Statistical Local Area level by age and sex are available electronically in datacube format. For more information contact Shahidullah on (02) 6252 5129, email: m.shahidullah@abs.gov.au.

Culture

CULTURE

Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2002-03 (cat. no. 4183.0) is due for release in July 2004. It contains estimates of funding for arts and cultural activities by the three levels of government in Australia. For more information contact Kirsten Hastwell on (08) 8237 7369, email: kirsten.hastwell@abs.gov.au.

Families

FAMILIES

Household and Family Projections, Australia, 2001 to 2026 (cat. no. 3236.0) was released recently. It presents projections of the number of households and families in Australia by state and capital city/balance of state for the period 2001 to 2026. For more information contact Matthew Montgomery on (02) 6252 6487, email: matthew.montgomery@abs.gov.au.

Disability

DISABILITY

Disability, Australia, 2003 Preliminary (cat. no. 4446.0) was released recently, containing preliminary results from the 2003 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. Final data will be published in **Disability, Ageing and Carers: Summary of Findings, Australia, 2003** (cat. no. 4430.0), due for release in September. Data will cover: people with a disability (including disability status, main condition, assistance needed/received, use of aids, use of public transport and employment restrictions); older persons (including assistance needed/received, disability status and income); and people who provide assistance to others with a disability (including carer status, relationship to main recipient, time spent caring for main recipient, need for and receipt of respite care, reasons for caring). Some data will be provided by state/territory and age group. For more information contact Ken Black on (02) 6252 7430, email: ken.black@abs.gov.au.

Two related products also due for release later in 2004 are **Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia, Confidentialised Unit Record File on CD-ROM** (cat. no. 4430.0.30.002) and **Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: User Guide** (cat. no. 4431.0.55.001). For more information contact Justin Harvey on (02) 6252 7624, email: justin.harvey@abs.gov.au.

Crime

CRIME

Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2003 (cat. no. 4510.0) was released recently. It

contains uniform national crime statistics relating to a selected range of offences that have become known to and recorded by police. The statistics provide indicators of the level and nature of recorded crime in Australia and a basis for measuring change over time. For further information email: crime.justice@abs.gov.au.

Ancestry

ANCESTRY

Australian Census Analytic Program: Australians' Ancestries, 2001 (cat. no. 2054.0) was released recently. The paper examines a number of issues relating to ethnic diversity, ethnic intermixture and the development of the concept of 'Australian Ancestry' through a comprehensive analysis of Census ancestry data. It looks at the trend in ethnic diversity since 1986, when a similar Census question on ancestry was asked. The investigation addresses persons who state multiple ancestries, the heterogeneity of birthplace groups, patterns in ethnic intermarriage, generational differences and the characteristics of those who stated 'Australian' ancestry as a sole or multiple response. For more information contact Siew-Ean Khoo (02) 6125 3045.

Immigration

IMMIGRATION

A further Census publication, **Australian Census Analytic Program: Australia's Most Recent Immigrants, 2001** (cat. no. 2053.0) is due for release in July 2004. It is a comprehensive analysis of Australia's recent immigrants, including how they have adjusted to Australian conditions, and their impact on such things as the labour market and housing sector. It also examines where recent immigrants live and their effects on population distribution. There are comparisons with older immigrant and Australian-born communities. For more information contact Cathy Etherington on (02) 6252 5079, email: cathy.etherington@abs.gov.au.

Health

HEALTH

Characteristics of People Reporting Good or Better Health, 2001 (cat. no. 4828.0.55.001) is due for release in August 2004. It presents statistics on selected characteristics and behaviours of people aged 18 years and over who report good health or better. Characteristics presented include demographic and socio-economic indicators and the presence (or absence) of selected long term conditions. Behaviours considered include use of health services, smoking, alcohol consumption, participation in exercise, and for those in the workforce, usual hours worked, and days absent from work due to their own ill

health. For more information contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

Education and Training

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Measuring Learning in Australia: Dictionary of Standards for Education and Training Statistics (cat. no. 4232.0.55.001) is due for release in July 2004. The dictionary is a joint initiative of the ABS; the Department of Education, Science and Training; the Australian National Training Authority; and all state and territory education and training departments. This reference document defines standards and outlines methods for the use of data elements in statistical, administrative and service provision settings in the education and training sector. The Dictionary provides a range of information pertinent to the measurement of education and training in Australia. For more information contact Sharyn Sturgeon on (02) 6252 7552, email: sharyn.sturgeon@abs.gov.au.

Statistical Consultancy

STATISTICAL CONSULTANCY

ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy provides a range of statistical services. A team of experienced consultants can provide advice and assistance on survey and statistical methods, modelling and analysis, and data management. These services can be used when expert statistical advice is required on a project and the appropriate skills are not readily available within an organisation. It can also be valuable for organisations with significant levels of mathematical and statistical experience who want to discuss technical issues with an independent body. For more information contact Merran Butler on (02) 9268 4855, email: m.butler@abs.gov.au.

Statistical Training

STATISTICAL TRAINING

ABS NSW Statistical Consultancy provides a range of statistical training courses throughout the year. Courses on offer this year include: Turning Data Into Information, Introduction to Sampling Techniques, Analysing Survey Data Made Simple, Principles of Questionnaire Design, Understanding Demographic Data, and Making Quality Informed Decisions. Training courses can also be tailored to meet specific organisational needs. For more information contact the Training Coordinator on (02) 9268 4183, email: client.services@abs.gov.au.

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2. Choose **News** from the ABS web site menu bar, then go to **Newsletters**. You can access current and previous copies of **Statistics News NSW** as well as many other ABS newsletters.

Selected Releases March to June 2004

SELECTED RELEASES MARCH TO JUNE 2004

To order ABS publications or enquire about release dates, please contact the National Information & Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

1101.0	Catalogue of Publications and Products, 2004 (\$7.00)
1209.0 New	Information Paper: Mesh Blocks (\$10.00)
1300.1	New South Wales Year Book, 2004 (\$51.00)
1362.1	Regional Statistics, New South Wales, 2004 (\$32.00)
1370.0	Measures of Australia's Progress, 2004 (\$45.00)
1379.0.55.001	National Regional Profile, 2002 (free on ABS web site)
New	
2054.0	Australian Census Analytic Program: Australians' Ancestries, 2001 (\$34.00)
3311.1.55.001	Demography New South Wales, 2002 (free on ABS web site; \$10 for data cube)
3218.0	Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, 2002-03 (\$32.00)
3236.0	Household and Family Projections, Australia, 2001 to 2026 (\$39.00)
4102.0	Australian Social Trends, 2004 (\$50.00)
4446.0	Disability, Australia, 2003 Preliminary (\$21.00)
4510.0	Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2003 (\$23.00)
4610.0	Water Account, Australia, 2000-01 (\$40.00)
4714.0 New	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, 2002 (\$33.00)
4818.1 New	Community Preparedness for Emergencies, NSW, October 2003 (\$19.50)
6321.0 Final	Industrial Disputes, Australia, December 2003 (\$19.50)
8698.0	Waste Management Services, Australia, 2002-03 (\$22.00)

Selected Expected Releases July and August 2004

SELECTED EXPECTED RELEASES JULY AND AUGUST 2004

2053.0 New	Australian Census Analytic Program: Australia's Most Recent Immigrants, 2001
2925.0.30.001 New	Historic Census Geographic Areas, Digital Boundaries Australia, 1981 to 1996
3238.0 New	Indigenous Australians: Experimental Estimates and Projections, 1991 to 2016
4159.0.55.002 New	General Social Survey: Users' Guide, 2002
4183.0	Cultural Funding by Government, Australia, 2002-03
4232.0.55.001 New	Measuring Learning in Australia: Dictionary of Standards for Education and Training Statistics
4828.0.55.001 New	Characteristics of People Reporting Good or Better Health, 2001

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